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SUBJECT:PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: JOINT COMMUNIQUE

1. WE ARE FORWARDING HERewith THE DEPARTMENT'S DRAFT US-ROMANIAN COMMUNIQUE FOR RELEASE ON CONCLUSION OF PRESIDENT FORDS' VISIT. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS THIS DRAFT WITH THE GOR AND TO WORK OUT AN AGREED VERSION ON AN AD REFERENDUM BASIS.

2. ROMANIANS HERE BELIEVE GOR MAY PREFER TWO DOCUMENTS, A SUBSTANTIVE JOINT STATEMENT AND A "NUTS AND BOLTS" JOINT COMMUNIQUE. WE HAVE NO OBJECTIONS IF THIS IS WHAT THEY REALLY WANT.

3. TEXT FOLLOWS: AT THE INVITATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA, NICOLAE CEAUSESCU, AND MRS. ELENA CEAUSESCU, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, GERALD R. FORD AND MRS. FORD, PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO ROMANIA ON CONFIDENTIAL

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AUGUST 2-3, 1975.

THE TWO CHIEFS OF STATE CONDUCTED THEIR TALKS IN A CORDIAL, FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE, REFLECTING MUTUAL ESTEEM AND RESPECT,

AND THE FAVORABLE COURSE OF AMERICAN-ROMANIAN RELATIONS IN RECENT YEARS. THE TWO PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMIT-

MENT TO THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN THE JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF DECEMBER 1973 AND STRESSED THE WISH FOR A FURTHER EXPANSION OF US-ROMANIAN RELATIONS IN A NUMBER OF AREAS.

THE TWO PRESIDENTS, IN REVIEWING TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, WELCOMED THE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE EXPANSION OF COMMERCIAL TIES WHICH WILL RESULT FROM ITS IMPLEMENTATION. AT THE SAME TIME THEY AGREED THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS SHOULD SEEK TO FACILITATE GREATER TRADE. AS ONE IMPORTANT STEP IN THIS PROCESS, THEY DECIDED THAT A LONG-TERM ACCORD ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WOULD BE NEGOTIATED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THEY ALSO AGREED TO NEGOTIATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A JOINT AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT.

NOTING THE CONCLUSION OF A NEW FIVE-YEAR CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT IN DECEMBER 1974, PRESIDENTS FORD AND CEAUSESCU AGREED THAT RELATIONS IN THESE AREAS SHOULD BE EXPANDED FURTHER AND THAT ALL CURRENT PROGRAMS WILL HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.

THE TWO PRESIDENTS NOTED THAT IN THE SPIRIT OF THE 1973 DECLARATION A NUMBER OF HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS HAD BEEN SOLVED AND AGREED TO WORK FOR CONTINUING PROGRESS IN THIS FIELD.

PRESIDENT FORD EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER THE RECENT DISASTROUS FLOODS WHICH HAD AFFLICTED ROMANIA. HE VOICED ADMIRATION FOR THE VALIANT EFFORTS OF THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE TO OVERCOME THE EFFECTS OF THE NATURAL CALAMITY. PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU EXPLAINED THE EFFORTS BEING UNDERTAKEN TO PROMOTE ROMANIA'S RECOVERY FROM THE FLOODS, AND AT THE SAME TIME, CONFIDENTIAL

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HE THANKED PRESIDENT FORD FOR THE ASSISTANCE OFFERED BY THE UNITED STATES.

THE TWO PRESIDENTS WELCOMED THE EXCHANGE OF HIGH-LEVEL VISITS WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE IN MANY FIELDS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS. THEY AGREED THAT GIVEN THE STATE OF US-ROMANIAN TIES, PERIODIC FRANK EXCHANGES AT ALL LEVELS CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AND SHOULD BE INTENSIFIED.

THE TWO PRESIDENTS WELCOMED THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL INTENSIFY THE

DETERMINATION OF PARTICIPATING NATIONS THAT COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING, RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION, WILL PREVAIL IN EUROPE.

THE TWO PRESIDENTS EMPHASIZED THEIR SUPPORT FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ORDER IN WHICH EACH COUNTRY MAY CHOOSE ITS OWN NATIONAL DESTINY, FREE FROM THE THREAT OF FORCE AND ON A BASIS OF RESPECT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND EQUALITY UNDER LAW OF ALL STATES, WHATEVER THEIR SIZE OR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT.

THEY DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE NEED FOR NEW APPROACHES IN CONSTRUCTING A MORE VIABLE WORLD ECONOMY. THEY AGREED THAT THE NEED FOR PRACTICAL COOPERATION ON A GLOBAL SCALE HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER. INCREASING INTERDEPENDENCE, IT WAS CONCLUDED, REQUIRES CONSTRUCTIVE, COORDINATED ACTION, CONDUCTED NOT THROUGH RHETORIC BUT THROUGH A SERIOUS AND REALISTIC SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION TO THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACING MANKIND.

SPECIAL ATTENTION WAS PAID TO THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. THE TWO PRESIDENTS AGREED ON THE NEED FOR A CONTINUATION OF EFFORTS BY ALL PARTIES TO OBTAIN A LASTING AND JUST PEACE FOR ALL NATIONS IN THE REGION.

THE TWO PRESIDENTS ALSO HAD USEFUL EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON CYPRUS, DISARMAMENT ISSUES AND THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

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PRESIDENT FORD EXPRESSED HIS DEEP APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU FOR THE EXTREMELY CORDIAL RECEPTION ACCORDED HIM AND MRS. FORD IN ROMANIA, NOTING THAT THE VISIT WAS ANOTHER CONTRIBUTION TO THE FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES AND TO THE VALUABLE TRADITION OF CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE THAT HAS EVOLVED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. KISSINGER

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